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NATIONAL CONVENTION DEALS WITH FARM PROBLEMS

Demands Economic Equality for Agriculture

C.F.A. DELEGATES DISCUSS DOMESTIC AND WORLD ISSUES

Convention Told U.K. Will Need
All Bacon Can Get for Some
Years

INCOME TAX REFORM URGED

Revision of Hog Policy by Upward
Adjustment of Bacon Hog
Prices Asked

By Q. H. MARTINSON
(Special to *The Western Farm Leader*)

LONDON, Ont.—The Canadian Federation of Agriculture, the Canadian farmers' Parliament, concluded its Tenth Annual Convention here on January 24th, following four days of activity that were featured by complete unanimity of delegates from coast to coast. More than 300 persons registered and discussed problems and drafted plans, designed for one purpose—Stability and Security in Canadian agriculture.

All officers of the C.F.A. were re-elected and in Alberta James Jackson of Irma, Alta., replaces J. H. Rhodes, of Brant, on the Board of Directors for that Province, and Hugh Allen takes the place of W. C. McKenzie. Lew Hutchinson continues on the Executive.

The Convention was more than national in scope, as discussion and activity branched into the international field, with the appointment of at least eleven officials to represent Canada at the International Farm Conference to be held in London, England, in May.

Delegation to World Conference
The Canadian delegation will be headed by H. H. Hannam, President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture; the two vice-presidents, W. J. Parker, Winnipeg, and J. A. Marion, Montreal; J. H. McEwen, Prince Edward Island, will represent the Maritimes; while R. H. M. Bailey, Edmonton, will represent the Dairy Farmers of Canada, and Percy French, Vernon, B.C., will represent the Canadian Horticultural Council. The other members of the delegation include Alex Mercer, Vancouver; Ben S. Plumer, Calgary; J. H. Wesson, Regina; R. S. Law, Winnipeg, and R. J. Scott, Belgrave, Ontario.

Following the presentation of President Hannam's address, Secretary Colin Groff reviewed the year's activities in his report. Hon. T. L. Kennedy, acting Premier and Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, welcomed the delegates.

Sees Future for Our Bacon, Britain
Considerable discussion was devoted to livestock and livestock resolutions. Canada's overseas meat shipments in the years 1940 to 1945, inclusive, had a total value of \$725,000,000. L. W. Pearsall, secretary-manager of the Canadian Meat Board, told the delegates. The speaker asserted that the

From East and West and South of the Border



To the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in London, Ontario, last week, delegates came from the Atlantic and Pacific seaboard and the inland Provinces to consider the problems of the farming industry not only in a national but also in a global setting. Leaders from the United States assisted in the discussions. The coming international conference of farmer organizations to be held in Britain in May was much in the minds of delegates. Above is an informal picture of three of the delegates, representing eastern and western Provinces and our friends south of the border. Left to right they are: J. R. Ascoli, Montreal, the Co-operative Federee of Quebec; Dr. Wm. Nielander, Philadelphia, American Institute of Co-operation; J. E. Brownlee, K.C., LL.D., Vice-President United Grain Growers, Ltd.

United Kingdom needs all the bacon it can get and that it will probably be three years before Denmark can be back to pre-war production. He saw no reason for undue apprehension over competition from Denmark, for he considered that there was ample room in the British market for Canadian and Danish bacon. Canadian bacon was of good quality, but we must continue to improve and furnish uniform quality. The next two years will determine whether we capitalize on

Purchase of the first radio station to be owned by a co-operative in the U.S. has been authorized by the Ohio Farm Bureau, at Columbus.

the present opportunity, he added. Meat continues in short supply in the United Kingdom and will probably remain that way throughout most of 1947. The United States does not see enough bacon in sight to dis-

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EQUALITY SHOULD BE FUNDAMENTAL STATES HANNAM

President of C.F.A. Also States
International Commodity Agree-
ments Necessary for Security

DISCUSSES SUBSIDIES

"Cancelling Without Corresponding Increase in Basic Farm Prices Would Be Unjust"

LONDON, Ont.—"The post-war era is beginning to take shape, but the farmers' position in a properly balanced national economy is far from clear. The farmer feels that within the present year fundamental changes in policy are almost certain to be made, and he is worried about it, and understandably so."

In these words, in his Presidential address to the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Federation, H. H. Hannam interpreted the widely prevalent feeling among farm people throughout the Dominion. As against this uncertainty concerning governmental policy he set forth five main points in regard to the policy of the Federation:

Five Main Points

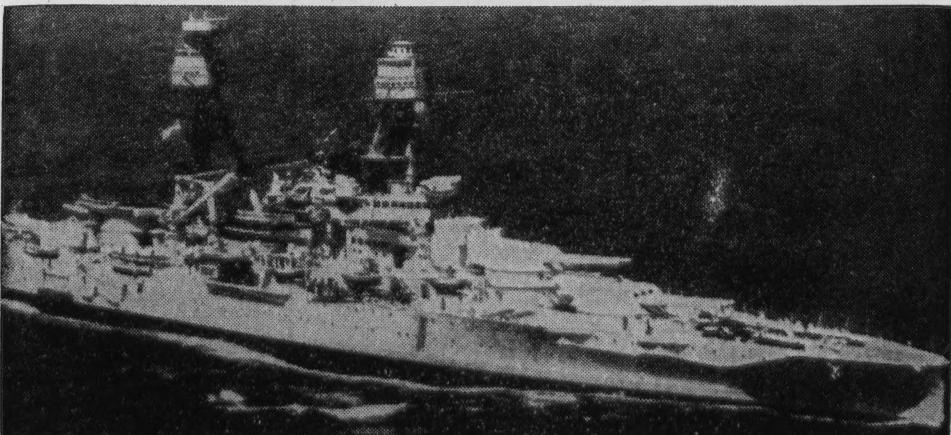
1. The C.F.A. has achieved for the first time a real unity and solidarity among the farming interests throughout Canada, which must be preserved at all costs.

2. The establishment and maintenance of equality for agriculture in a balanced economy should be a fundamental part of Canada's fiscal policy.

3. The development of international commodity agreements in the marketing of major farm products is vital

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Destined to Destruction in Tests of Atomic Bomb



Selected for destruction in the tests battleship *Nevada*, seen above. Other of new atomic bombs to be held in the capital ships of the Republic to be used Pacific are 97 United States and other ships, including some of the enemy's. Among the U.S. ships is the once-proud

papermen and British as well will be allowed to witness the experiments; also that the Atomic Energy Commission of the United Nations Organization will send observers.



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An Invitation . . .

From time to time we have had some very interesting letters from our members and friends. Sometimes they have told us about themselves and sometimes they have sent snapshots of either themselves, their homes or of some animals that they are particularly proud of. These letters and pictures have been appreciated by us and we invite others to write us too.

This spring, before you are too busy, will you sit down and write us a letter that you feel would be of interest to us and enclose one or more snapshots.

After all, we are only one large family, and the other members of the family would be interested to read of your experiences and see pictures of your home and stock.

Yours very truly,
CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL,
Head Office, Red Deer.

Increase Urged In Butter Floor Price By 4 cts. Per Pound

Dairy Farmers of Canada Hold
Most Successful Convention
at Niagara Falls

I am meeting more and more returned veterans who plan to start farming this spring, and their chief worry is, how to equip their farms with the minimum of stock and equipment on the \$1,200.00 allowed them by the Dominion Government.

This on the face of it is a poser, but there are angles which should receive serious consideration and careful thought. For instance, what about co-operative or collective farming?

The fellows overseas were trained

to work in small groups—Tank crews of five men—infantry sections of six men, etc. These groups fought and lived together, and each man was a specialist; the group worked together efficiently and in complete harmony, a oneness of purpose.

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Why could it not be made to work

in peace-time? Four men could start

farming in a co-operative way. Their

farms need not be in one block, but

should be close enough so as to be

easily reached.

Let us say that Dick, Tom, Harry and Carl, decided that they could work harmoniously together and were willing to pool their \$1,200.00 per man into a common fund, so that a fairly complete line of machinery and dairy stock could be acquired.

Dick is the stockman, and his responsibility would be the care of the livestock. Tom likes to work with a tractor, and so his particular responsibility would be the field work. Harry, who is mechanically minded, would take care of machinery and repair same. Carl, who is an all-around man, could be responsible for the bookkeeping and accounts. Each man would have his own responsibilities, but each would help with the other in season.

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I know of one group who are all set to start out this spring. All of these fellows are married and they very wisely decided NOT to try co-operative housekeeping, and so each has his own house on his own particular piece of land. Their four quarters are within a radius of four miles, which is not too great a distance for accessibility. We are watching this venture very closely and will report on their progress from time to time. If we number among our readers some returned men, which we know we do, we wish they would think this idea over.

We of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool are always glad to be of service to our friends, and we would be particularly happy to render any service we can in the selection of dairy cattle, or in any other way, to our returned veterans.

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Our lady patrons will shortly be thinking about turkeys again and planning their program for this year. We have a list of hatcheries which can supply poultts this spring. Please write your Head Office at Red Deer for further information.

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We will be attending a meeting at Magic School, January 31st. If you live in this district be sure to attend.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont.—Increase

in the floor price for butter this year by 4 cents a pound above the floor price of 1945, was recommended in a statement of policy of the Dairy Farmers of Canada adopted at their fourth annual convention here. The Dominion Government was also asked to take steps to widen Canadian markets for dairy products in the United States and other countries.

All of the nine Provinces from East to West were represented at the Convention, held January 17th, 18th and 19th. Very thorough discussion of the problems of Canadian dairymen took place, and policies were decided upon well in advance of the Annual meeting of the Canadian Federation in London, Ont., to which decisions were passed on.

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A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

Well, God, here we are. You up here. Me down here.

Our war is over. Our enemies are beaten. Soon I will leave this burning sun, this mess of insects.

Oh God, how nice it will be to be back home with the folks humming and all my buddies finished with the fighting. No more dodging bullets—no more of that lost feeling in the middle of the night.

But say, God, if you can only get the people back home to remember me when I get there. They have given their blood—sent us the stuff we needed. Maybe they'll still carry on with help. I want a job—a place in their hearts and lives.

You see, God, I'd like a break when I get home.—Anon.

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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

Re-elect Bailey President

R. H. M. Bailey of Edmonton, general manager of the Alberta Milk Producers' Association, was re-elected President; First Vice-President being J. J. E. McCague, of Alliston, Ont., Past President of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada; and Second Vice-President W. O. Coon, of Elgin, Ont., President of the Ontario Cheese Producers. Russell S. Stanley, Gen. Manager of the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool, Edmonton, is a member of the Executive Committee of five, the other members being Gilbert McMillan, Huntingdon, Que., Canadian Ayrshire Breeders Assn.; Roy Lick, Toronto, Secretary, Ontario Whole Milk Producers; A. H. Mercer, Vancouver, B.C., Gen. Manager Fraser Valley Milk Producers; R. J. Scott, Belgrave, Ont., Director United Farmers Co-operative Co. The Convention was a most successful one, and gave evidence of the increasing understanding of the necessity for organized action which is manifest among the dairy farmers of the Dominion.

Statement of Policy

The statement of policy adopted by the delegates is an interesting document, and for the information of dairy people in Alberta it is quoted in full below:

"The Dairy Farmers of Canada heartily support the statement of the Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, made at the Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference held in Ottawa, December 3rd to 5th, 1945, that the price of all agricultural products would be maintained during the post-war period provided that the cost of the commodities the farmer has to buy remains the same as during the war. As we understand it, Mr. Gardiner's statement means the stabilization of dairy products at at least the present level of economic returns."

Special Case of Milk

"While this would seem reasonably satisfactory in the case of concentrated milk products, cheese and whole milk, we are urging that special consideration be given to butter. Because of the downward trend of butter production, together with the deterioration in the stock position, it is evident that Canada will not produce sufficient butter to meet our domestic needs, unless some upward adjustment is made in the price paid to producers.

"We therefore recommend that the floor price on butter be increased four cents (4c) a pound for 1946 over the floor price of 1945.

"Since the price received for exports has a very important bearing on the price of our total production of dairy products; since we have been to a large extent deprived of the United States and other markets because of tariffs or other restrictions imposed in wartime; and since the demand for our products in these countries is such that free entry into these markets would be of tremendous financial value to the Canadian dairy industry, we recommend that the Dairy Farmers of Canada press the Dominion Government to make every effort to widen our markets for dairy products in the United States and other countries."

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Farmers". President Bailey called for a value to be placed on family labor on the dairy farm; a price to be assured for churning cream at which it is economically possible to produce; a consumer price for butterfat that will make it possible for the dairy farmer to produce at a profit and pay wages to himself and family and take care of manufacturing and distributing charges on an equitable basis; opportunity for the dairy farmer to enjoy the advantages of modern living, "relieved from the position of hard labor 365 days in the year."

By taking care of the forgotten dairy man, said Mr. Bailey, the organization solves the problems of all other branches of the industry.

"We have witnessed in the past," he concluded, "the birth of a nation, Canada now takes its place among the great nations of the world. We will have an increased population to feed, a greater home market, and through the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) a greater world market. Let us prepare to meet these new responsibilities."

Would Base Income Tax for Farmers on Average 4-5 Years

Various Changes Asked to Remove Injustices to Farmers re Income Tax

Basing of income tax for farmers upon their average income over a period of from four to five years was strongly urged in a resolution adopted by the Annual Convention of the U.F.A.

It was pointed out that farmers' incomes vary greatly from year to year, and that it was unfair to base income taxation on a single year; while the inventory method of estimating income "involves much more bookkeeping than the average farmer can conveniently manage."

Another resolution asserted that income tax inspectors are "harassing farmers and business men for details of receipts and expenditures and claiming taxes for years past," this being "an uncalled for imposition". It was asked "that such practices cease, and that the Income Tax Department be required to confine its demands to the two years immediately past."

Result of Quota System

That wheat quotas imposed by the Wheat Board prevented many farmers from disposing of their stocks of wheat in the years in which they were grown; that many of these farmers would have been subject to little if any income tax for those years; was pointed out in a resolution which set forth that they "had to sell this accumulated stock of wheat when the income tax was raised considerably and when the money received from these forced sales raised the cash income for those years to a point where sur-tax was assessed." As "this created an injustice to many such farmers," it was asked "that the Income Tax Act be interpreted in such a way as to allow these farmers to allocate the receipts from such sales of wheat to the income for the respective years in which such wheat was raised."

"Bush Fruits"

"Before and after" illustrations designed to instruct in the art of pruning small fruit bushes, are one of the features that make "Bush Fruits" a most useful publication. It has been issued recently by the Division of Horticulture of the Federal Department of Agriculture, Ottawa; the author is D. S. Blair. Sections are devoted to the culture of raspberries, currants, gooseberries, blackberries, boysenberries, and descriptions of the varieties recommended for various parts of Canada are included.

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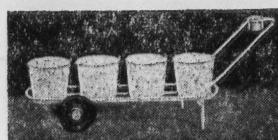
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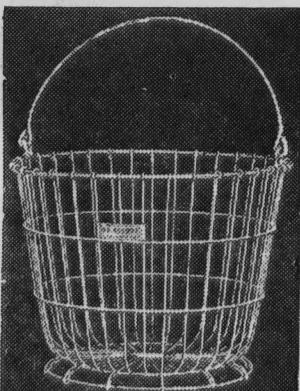
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TOWARDS EQUITY AND SECURITY

In the address which he delivered before the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in London, Ontario, last week, President Hannam outlined a program for the attainment of equity and security for agriculture in the post-war world.

It was an important address. With its details we cannot deal here at this time. It was concerned first of all with the measures which may be taken within Canada to win for those who are engaged in farming their rightful place in the economic life of the Dominion. "We in Canada", stated Mr. Hannam, "might well set about to discover the best method of determining economic equality for agriculture, and then seriously strive to uphold it as a fundamental feature of our fiscal policy....

"Equality for agriculture is not just a nice sounding phrase or slogan which may appeal to farm people because it can be interpreted as a promise of more for themselves. On the contrary, it sets up a goal which to farm residents envisions rural homes, rural schools, rural medical and hospital services, rural churches, rural libraries and rural recreational and cultural opportunities which compare favorably with those enjoyed by urban citizens on the average. To the nation it means much more than that. A healthy, thriving agriculture, —synonymous with a condition of equality for folks on the land—it means better and more efficient production and therefore a more abundant supply of good quality farm products for home and export markets; it means better care and conservation of the soil; and it means an effective demand for the products of industry. Farm families are doubly valuable consumers, in that they buy not only goods for family living, but supplies and implements of production as well in the retail market."

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WORLD SOLUTIONS ESSENTIAL

The central theme of the Annual Meeting of the C.F.A. was, as the President stated, "What is ahead for the farmer in domestic and world affairs." All of the principal speakers, including Mr. Hannam, emphasized, more strongly perhaps than has been done on any past occasion, the fact that the solution of our domestic problems will prove impossible, except in the wider setting of international co-operation.

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Eric Englund, a leading economist of the United States Department of Agriculture, devoted much of his address to this theme. He described, too, the "growing realization of common interest among farmers throughout the world."

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Mr. Englund gave warning that in years to come, unless we act wisely now, "the spectre of agricultural surpluses, especially of food, may again stand side by side with the spectre of hunger in a world of chronic underconsumption and actual starvation among a large part of mankind."

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Reading carefully through various addresses given at the C.F.A. Convention and at the Convention of the Dairy Farmers of Canada in Niagara Falls, we find in all the same strong emphasis on the importance of an international approach to all our major economic and social issues.

For instance, President R. H. M. Bailey of the Dairy Farmers of Canada, in an address packed with valuable information and argument concerning

"SO LITTLE TIME"

Books are the magic carpets of our age—

There is no land in which we may not roam,

No life we may not share, as, page by page,

We make our journeys and come safely home,

Enriched by all the beauty we have seen,

And friendships we have made along the way;

Encouraged by the tale of what has been

To scan the things to be without dismay.

We travel thus too briefly, as we ply

The narrow round of custom and routine,

Too weary or too timid to defy

Inconsequential things that intervene

Between us and the hour of joyous flight

To which our books with mute appeal invite.

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

the problems of the dairy industry, dealt primarily with the great domestic market for dairy products. He stressed, nevertheless, the necessity for world vision and he saw our own situation in a global setting. Peace and the restoration of trade are vital interests of agriculture, and, declares Mr. Bailey, "It is my opinion that the Food and Agriculture national world organization of agriculturists is probably the organization that will eliminate any desire for war and determine once and for all the peace of the world."

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SHOULD BE NO INTEREST

When the terms of pending Canadian credits to Britain are announced, we trust that they will contain no provision for the payment of interest.

There are several good reasons why interest should not be charged. One is that the prosperity of Western Canadian agriculture will be largely dependent in the years ahead upon the restoration of British economy and the buying power of the British consumer.

We want British imports, of course, in return for our exports to Britain; but it will not be to our advantage that the British should go through a prolonged period of austere living, to pay debts to countries that are, according to any sound system of accounting, indebted to her.

We find ourselves for once in agreement with *The Letter-Review* of Fort Erie North, which states in part:

"The Economist, analyzing the effect of the U.S. loan, asserts that while it has been taken for granted that Britain must export 50 per cent more in future than before the war, the service of the loan will require British exports to be increased by another 25 per cent. If Britain is to export 75 per cent more than before the war, the British competition for markets for manufactured goods is going to be of a keenness such as has never been demonstrated in the past. *The Economist* is obviously right. Quite clearly, the U.S. has made a mistake in making any provision whatever for the payment of the loan. It should have been a free gift, with no strings attached."

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We agree with *The Letter-Review*, further, when this news letter points out that what happens to Britain is of the gravest concern to every citizen of the U.S. and of Canada, and that "both Canada and the U.S. should have returned to Britain, not

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NOTHING INSULAR ABOUT C.F.A., VIEW HELD IN CAPITAL

"One of Most Significant and Evenly Balanced Organizations in National Economy"

By M. McDougall
(Special to *The Western Farm Leader*)

OTTAWA, Jan. 30th.—Observers from the capital who were present at the meeting of Canadian Federation of Agriculture at London, Ontario, carried away with them the impression that this body has become one of the most significant and evenly balanced organizations in the national economy. It isn't alone that it represents a membership of about 350,000 farmers from all Provinces but that it is fully conscious of its responsibilities to the whole Canadian people and that its horizons have become genuinely international. The word insularity does not apply in any sense to the C.F.A. In the words of H. H. Hannam, the president, "prosperous Agriculture is impossible of attainment on purely national lines."

A great deal of the leadership in the tenth annual meeting came from Western farmers. This probably came from their dealing with world products and their appreciation of the dependence of Canadian agriculture and the whole national economy on the maintenance and development of world markets. As one observer stated in connection with the whole Convention, "These people are conscious of their strength and at the same time are just as keenly aware of their great responsibility."

Over Three Billion Pounds of Bacon

L. W. Pearsall, manager of the Meat Board showed that since the war began up to the end of 1945 Canada shipped to Britain 3,135,000,000 lbs. of bacon, exclusive of other pork products, with a total value of \$640,000,000.

These shipments were the equivalent of the exports for 28 years prior to the start of the war and represented an entirely new era in the Canadian bacon business.

The exports were the equivalent of 26 million hogs. The average seaboard price was \$24.60 per hog, of which the railways received for freight \$1.20, the cost of taking hogs to market \$1.00. With these deductions the amount received by the farmer was \$22.40 or 91 per cent of the total value received or \$582,177,000.

Since the war began, or really during the years 1944 and 1945, Canada shipped 314 million lbs. of beef to Britain valued at \$65,000,000. Also shipped since the beginning of the war have been 171,542,000 lbs. of canned meat, 2,687,000 bundles of sausage casings and 10,132,000 lbs. of mutton and lamb, bringing the total shipments of meat to 3,708,889,000 lbs. valued at \$766,000,000.

It was explained that negotiations were under way for a trade agreement between the United States and Canada. While he couldn't hazard a guess in connection with the effect of this agreement on sales of cattle across the frontier, he felt that there was no need for apprehension. He mentioned that sales to Britain in the past two years have been the equivalent of

U.F.A. Sets Attainment of World Government as One of Objectives

"Support of all educational and other efforts" designed to bring about "a central world government with the required delegated authority and power to prevent all wars in the future" is now among the stated objectives of the United Farmers of Alberta; and the surrendering by all nations of such part of their sovereignty as may be necessary to achieve this end is called for.

This extension of the objectives of the Association was effected by an amendment to the constitution adopted at the Annual Convention of the U.F.A. The resolution adopted came from Hanna U.F.A. Local. It declared that such advances in science as the release of atomic energy, etc., have made the power of destruction in war so great that world government in some form is imperative.

890,000 head of cattle, more than twice the quotas allowed for export to the United States.

Information from Mr. Gardiner is that present agreements with Britain are to be extended well beyond 1946. There are the financial arrangements to be negotiated. This will be done shortly. The financial talks will begin about February 15th, perhaps a few days later than that date.

The annual meetings on livestock breeding will begin in Toronto on February 4th and will continue for a week. The principal value of these meetings it is stated is in the exchange of views from farmers in different parts of the country.

President United Nations Society Cabinet Minister

Russell T. Kelley, of Hamilton, National President of the United Nations Society in Canada, has recently accepted the portfolio of Health in the Ontario Government. Mr. Kelley, who recently crossed Canada, has built up the Society in a few months to a position of great influence. He is founder and president of the advertising agency that bears his name.

HANNAM SPEAKS

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to the establishment of security in agriculture, and to the success of the United Nations peace program.

4. The farmers of the various nations, acting co-operatively in an international organization, can play a prominent role in the development of such international policies.

5. The idea of law and order in the international field through some world organization is fundamental in the pattern for peace. From now on the nations of the world must proceed as one family.

Ten years ago there were hundreds of organizations of farm people organized to perform special functions each in its own sphere. On coming into the Federation they continued these former functions with autonomy in their own fields, "but they added another barrel to their gun. They joined hands to do a national job that was not being done and could not be done in any other way." While great benefits to the farmers had followed, "the Federation had also been one of the strong elements in the development of national unity."

Pay Part of Consumers' Bill

Mr. Hannam dealt at length with the subsidy policy followed during the war, in which they "placed the general interest above their own." He feared sufficient effort was not made to explain to consumers that the government had been paying part of their food bill, and

"that if farmers received all the present returns entirely in price, rather than partly by government payments, consumers would be

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paying more for their food—eight cents more per pound for butter, two cents more per pound for bread, three cents more per quart for milk, and so forth."

"Cancelling of subsidies without increasing basic farm prices correspondingly," said Mr. Hannam, "would be an injustice to the food producers, a deliberate resort to a lop-sided economy, and under the prevailing price structure would so depress farm purchasing power as to render futile all hopes of full employment for industry and labor."

To assist in obtaining equality for agriculture, Mr. Hannam suggested the adoption of a recognized procedure for calculating the percentage of the national income the farmer receives.

The President stressed the importance of the contribution farmers could

make to the development of international policies. It was now clearly seen that "a prosperous agriculture is impossible of attainment on purely national lines." Stability of markets and prices through international agreement on the part of both importing and exporting nations was desirable.

The President believed farmers could make their best contribution to improvement of conditions by working together. They "should begin at once to plan the setting up of an international federation."

Mr. Hannam saw the complete United National program, which he favored, as the start toward some form of world government.

Stettler annual spring Horse Sale will be held this year March 18th, 19th and 20th.

Europe Needs Wheat

There are not many people in the province of Alberta or in all Canada who know what it is to be really hungry. There never has been starvation in this country so that we have no idea of the horrible plight of the millions who face stark hunger in Europe today.

Canada is doing her best to alleviate the famine now prevailing in Europe. Grains, meats and other food products are being hurried across the Atlantic as fast as possible.

The big demand at the present time is for grain. The Canadian Wheat Board is urging farmers to deliver all their excess supplies at once. It will be a fine gesture if there is a generous response to this plea. Hungry Europe needs this wheat in the worst possible way.

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TO IMPORT U.S. BEANS

To supplement Canadian supplies of dried white beans and to satisfy demand, it has been found necessary to import lima and kidney beans from the United States. By an order effective January 9 last, price ceilings for these beans have been fixed on a basis of U.S. ceilings, plus transportation costs, plus the usual mark-up usually allowed to the trade.

SPECIAL CHEESE PRICES

Commencing December 15 last, makers of coloured Cheddar cheese were permitted to charge an additional one-sixteenth of a cent per pound to cover the increase in production costs over the cost for making white cheese. Also, price increases were allowed for the manufacture of special sizes, viz.: $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cent per pound for "Daisies" from 20 to 22 pounds, and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound for "Stilton" and "Oblong" blocks of 10 to 12 pounds.

SPANISH ONION PRICE CHANGE

The one and one-half cent increase previously allowed on sales of Spanish onions (three inches) has been eliminated for the period of January 1st to August 31st of this year. Canadian producers of Spanish onions will not be affected by the change, owing to the lateness of the marketing of their product, but this Spring's imports will have to be sold at the same price as Canada No. 1 cooking onions. Below is the price schedule for farmer or shipper now effective for all grades of Spanish type onions with a minimum diameter of three inches. (Cents per pound).

| | May 1 | July 1 | July 16 | Sept., to to | Oct. and |
|-------|-------|--------|---------|--------------------|----------|
| Jan. | 3.65 | 3.80 | 4.00 | 4.25 | 4.25 |
| Feb. | | | | 3.75 | 3.75 |
| March | | | | 3.50 | 3.50 |
| April | | | | 5.00 | 5.05 |
| June | | | | | |
| 30 | | | | | |
| July | | | | | |
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WEIGHT REDUCTION FOR RED LABEL BEEF

As of January 2, 1946, the minimum weight required for beef carcasses, graded in accordance with specifications prescribed for Choice Beef (Red Brand) as set forth in the Livestock and Livestock Products Act, 1939, will be 300 pounds instead of the 375 pounds as previously required.

PRIMARY PRODUCER COUPON COLLECTION**1. If You Produce Dairy Butter**

You may consume in your own household all the home-made butter you wish but you must collect from the ration books and ration cards of members of your household valid butter coupons at the rate of two coupons for each pound of butter used (except that you need not collect more than the total number of butter ration coupons valid in such ration books and ration cards during the month covered by your report). If you sell your dairy butter you must collect valid butter coupons or other valid butter ration documents at the rate of 2 coupons for each pound sold.

2. If You Slaughter Your Own Livestock

Farm slaughterers must collect meat coupons for all meat consumed on their own premises at the rate of one meat coupon for every 4 lbs. of meat. They are not required to collect more than 50% of the valid meat coupons in the ration books of their household.

If you are a member of a beef ring or if you slaughter and sell to other farmers or if you slaughter for other farmers, consult your Local Ration Board.

3. If You Produce Honey or Preserves

You may consume in your own household all the honey or preserves that you wish without collecting coupons from the ration books or ration cards of your own household.

However, if you sell honey you must collect valid coupons or other valid ration documents on the basis of one sugar coupon for each 4 pounds of extracted honey or cut comb honey sold. (Comb honey in standard wooden sections is not rationed). Or if you sell preserves, as follows:

1 sugar coupon for each 40 fluid ounces canned fruit sold.

1 sugar coupon for each 24 fluid ounces jam or jelly sold.

4. Coupon Settlement

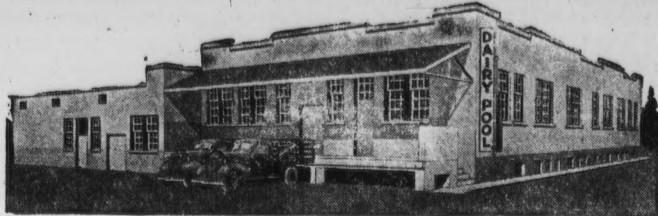
All ration coupons and other ration documents collected by farmers or other primary producers from other persons, together with coupons collected from the ration books of the farmer's household for products consumed on the premises, must be forwarded to the Local Ration Board monthly in RB-61 envelopes provided for that purpose.

FARMERS' RATION COUPONS

| | Butter | Meat | Sugar-Preserves |
|-----------------|--------|------|-----------------|
| February 7..... | 139 | 23 | — |
| " 14..... | R-1 | 24 | — |
| " 21..... | R-2 | 25 | 70 and S-1 |
| " 28..... | — | 26 | — |

NOTE: As in the winter months of past years, the butter ration has been reduced for the months of low production. Beginning January 1, a reduction from 7 to 6 ounces became effective.

For further details of any of the above orders apply to the nearest office of the Wartimes Prices and Trade Board.

SOUTHERN ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION**Final Payment on 1944 Cream Shipments**

To All Members of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool:

It gives me great pleasure to announce, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool, that arrangements have been completed to pay the final payment on 1944 cream shipments. This final payment is a month later than in previous years in reaching our members. However, most farmers are so situated financially that money is acceptable to them at any season. I trust this payment has arrived at a very convenient moment.

Enclosed with our cheque and patronage certificate you will find a very informative letter compiled by our manager, Mr. Toppenberg, which I hope everyone will read.

Mr. Toppenberg has also written a very timely article, which is printed below. Coming as it does after Dean Sinclair's very instructive letter, I hope it will help to impress on the farming community generally the need for organization and consolidation in their own interest.

Yours fraternally,

Wm Burns

PRESIDENT.

Why Farmers' Solidarity Is Imperative

*By CHRIS TOPPENBERG,
Manager, Southern Alberta Dairy Pool*

In a letter to all our members, enclosed with their Final Payment for cream shipped during the fiscal year ended January 31st, 1945, we briefly explained the deduction of a 20 cent charge for group membership in the Alberta Federation of Agriculture. We pointed out that this deduction was authorized by the Delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool in June last year, and was agreed upon unanimously by your 23 Delegates present and your entire Board of Directors.

It is well known to all our readers and members that the Alberta Federation of Agriculture embraces most of the Provincial farm organizations, and that the recent decision to amalgamate our two largest farm organizations, the U.F.A. and the A.F.U. with the A.F.A., promises to bring tremendously added strength to the organized Farm Movement. Your Dairy Pool has always supported the work of the A.F.A., but not until now on a full group membership basis.

Strength Through United Effort

Over the radio and in many publications we hear and read much about international problems, international collaboration and the securing of market outlets for the agricultural products of our own and other countries. We know well enough what strength has been obtained by industry, commerce and labor through organized, unified efforts. Is it not, then, now fully realized by the primary producer that he must follow the same path, and must do it now? If he does not, how is his voice to be heard, and how is he to present his just case and his problems to our Governments and to those other organized bodies? No one will deny that a prosperous farm population is not only desirable, but necessary, if we are to maintain a balanced and sound society. But, no one can expect to obtain his place in the sun if he will not strive towards that goal through combining his efforts with those of his fellow men who are confronted with the same problems as those he himself faces.

Many successful co-operative organizations have proved the truth of the above reflections, and your Southern

Alberta Dairy Pool is one of them. However, we have not gone far enough here in Alberta yet, or for that matter, in Canada. Some of the older countries have shown the way, and many of us coming from there, know of their accomplishments. In search of some pronouncements made by outstanding and foresighted leaders in the field of organized agriculture, I came across the following in a booklet published by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, with which the Alberta Federation is affiliated. As it seems to me that I find therein one of the most concise and intelligent analyses of the problems of agriculture I have ever read, I take the liberty to quote it.

Agriculture's Age-old Weakness

The following extract is taken from a memorandum prepared for the King of Italy by David Lubin, who some years ago, organized an International Chamber of Agriculture, with head-

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quarters at Rome, Italy, for the purpose of gathering accurate statistics of agricultural production throughout the world; information regarding agriculture in many countries, and facts of the general progress of the industry.

"It need take but little labor on the part of the statesman to perceive clearly that the present efforts of agriculture are inadequate to meet the influences of the concentrated capital and energy of the cities. The cities with their syndicates, boards of trade, chambers of commerce, unions and federations, are solidarity personified; whereas the heterogeneous agricultural associations are feeble, inadequate, and inefficient from the very constitution of their being. Each agricultural organization is an isolated point in itself, by itself and for itself, and this is its weakness. Were the bricklayers' union, the bakers' union, the railway laborers' union, each in its own locality each in itself, by itself and for itself, as the separate agricultural societies are, they would then have no more strength than the latter.

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continue rationing until 1948, Mr. Pearsall said.

Regarding beef, he pointed out that the contract with the United Kingdom would continue to the end of 1946, but "no one envisages any future in the United Kingdom market for Canadian cattle beyond that time." The United States market would not be jeopardized. Trade negotiations between Canada and the United States are now proceeding, Mr. Pearsall stated, but he did not anticipate any movement of Canadian cattle to the southern market until 1947.

W. M. Drummond, Professor of Economics, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, suggested that it was not sensible to remove subsidies on farm production until the job that they were intending to do is completed. That was to encourage production. Subsidies come with war and price ceiling programs, to correct disparity between farm prices and prices of other products. They are aimed at making it unnecessary for consumers to pay higher prices for their requirements and prevent further cost of living increases.

Subsidies have increased the consumption of farm products; their removal would increase the cost of living to labor, said Prof. Drummond. "We shouldn't be fearful that the removal of subsidies would result in decreased consumption so long as there is full employment." Price ceilings on prime necessities, particularly food and clothing would probably be with us for some time, he stated.

U.S. Farm Economist Speaks

The farmers of Canada are keenly aware of the influence which the vast field of human endeavor called "world affairs" exerts in their daily pursuits, and particularly in matters relating to foreign trade. This statement was made by Dr. Eric Englund, Chief Agricultural Economist, Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations, United States Department of Agriculture, who was guest speaker at the C.F.A. 10th annual banquet.

There is also evidence of growing

"The labor organizations, as we see, are united into unions, councils, and federations, and it is the federation which gives strength to the union; and what is here said of labor organizations applies equally to the organizations of finance, commerce and manufacture.

Organization in 11 Localities

"Agriculture alone is without that solidarity, that directing power which alone is potent in the economic warfare of today. Agriculture not only needs organization in a given locality, but in all localities; and all these organizations united into a federation which should guide and direct, without which the isolated unions are impotent.

"Nor is this sufficient. The prices of agricultural products are governed not only by local and national conditions, but much more so by international conditions. And it is precisely this international field, this field which denominates and dominates the price of agricultural products, which is at present occupied by commerce and finance to an utter exclusion of a voice in the matter of agriculture."

realization of common interest among farmers throughout the world. This is shown by the contribution of their leaders toward the establishment of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. It is shown also in the active consideration that is being given to the formation of an international federation of farm organizations, he continued.

"Recognition of common interests that cut across international boundaries, or that transcend our own group interests, of course does not preclude recognition of conflicts of interest in specific categories of agriculture. On the contrary, the recognition of an overall community of interest is the essential basis for mutually advantageous solution of particular differences, through understanding, negotiation, compromise, and agreement.

"World affairs" is now the business of correcting or revising past policies, liquidating the legacies of the war, and building a solid structure for future peace, co-operation, and progress," he added.

Commodity Agreements

Discussing commodity agreements, Mr. Englund stated, "One definite lesson is that what nations cannot do individually they should seek to do co-operatively, in recognition of the common interest of all concerned. That is the basis for inter-governmental commodity agreements as now visualized, applicable chiefly to primary international commodities of which agriculture affords several examples.

"The purpose of commodity agreements is to provide standards, procedures and means to deal with, or to avert, burdensome surpluses in particular commodities, through expanding consumption and trade, stabilizing markets, and removing basic causes or maladjustments.

"At the same time, such agreements should afford each participating Government reasonable latitude to pursue its domestic policies with reference to prices and income without international difficulties so long as it complies with the terms agreed upon."

Ask Reforms re Income Tax

Heading the list of resolutions before the convention was that of income tax. The Canadian Federation of Agriculture will continue to press Dominion government officials for revision of the Income Tax Act so as to remove the inequalities existing in the present law as it applies to farmers.

The resolution on income tax requested that the income of a farmer for income tax purposes be assessed on the basis of five-year moving average, and that breeding herds be recognized as a capital asset; and that in the case of proceeds from dispersal sales over and above this capital asset, the farmer be permitted to average the income from such sales over a period of three years for income tax purposes.

In addition, it requested that the exemption for single persons be raised to \$1,000, and that for married persons \$2,000, and that allowance be made

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for the labor of farmers' wives, sons and daughters, in connection with production on the farm. It further urged that farmers be not required to accept the responsibility of collecting income tax from their hired help and that the Dominion Government provide a Board of Arbitration, whereby taxpayers may have a simple and inexpensive means of following decisions of income tax authorities; and, that for the purpose of income tax assessment, income used to make payment in respect to debts contracted before 1940, on the farm home half-section, be rated as production costs, and be exempt from income tax.

Another resolution urged Dominion and Provincial marketing legislation

as necessary if farm products are to be marketed in an orderly and economical manner.

Recommendations from the Dairy Farmers of Canada (reported elsewhere in this issue—Editor) received unanimous endorsement of the convention.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture will urge upon the Dominion Government that the establishment and the maintenance of equality for agriculture in a balanced national economy should become a fundamental part of Canada's fiscal policy.

Higher Bacon Hog Price Asked
The convention requested that the Dominion Department of Agriculture

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"Equal Rights for All"

"We believe that all Canadian citizens are entitled to equal rights and privileges," reads a resolution adopted by the U.F.A. Annual Convention on motion of H. J. Flock of Lethbridge, which sets forth that "during wartime there has been radical discrimination against Canadian-Japanese citizens." The Dominion Government is asked "for a fair and equitable plan for assimilation of these Japanese citizens into our national life" and their restoration to "full Canadian citizenship."

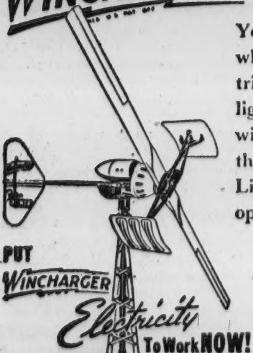
Another resolution asked "that all aliens within a reasonable length of time should subscribe to our laws and customs one hundred per cent and become naturalized." (This did not bear on the subject of the Japanese. The Japanese referred to above are citizens of Canada.)

During the fiscal year ending September 30th, 1945, the United Farmers' Co-operative Co. of Ontario had sales totalling \$22,032,227.68, the largest in its history. Net earnings, \$215,605.65, were also a record.



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POST-WAR CHRONICLE

Jan. 17th.—Former French Minister of Justice, F. de Menthon, demands death for 22 Nazis, Nuernberg; charges torture, lootings and persecution. Britain is negotiating for Transjordan's independence, states Bevin at U.N.O.

Jan. 18th.—Eighteen German agents arrested in Britain during war were executed, now announced in London. Moscow reports seven Germans, convicted of war crimes, hanged before crowd of 65,000 Russians. Truman steel settlement refused by employers. French government introduces legislation to nationalize gas and electricity industries. Jews continue migration into U.S. zone of Germany.

Jan. 19th.—Iran asks U.N.O. to investigate dispute with U.S.S.R. Nazis were far ahead in rocket research at end of war, reports National Research Council (Canadian) after study at former German research centres.

Jan. 20th.—De Gaulle resigns, following dispute over defence expenditures and constitutional powers of president. Koreans riot against Allied trusteeship. Steel mills in U.S. closing. Russia and Ukraine lodge complaint with U.N.O. British troops are in Greece, Indonesia.

Jan. 21st.—Russians are doing capable job in occupied Germany, report correspondents after tour. Truman announces U.S. budget to be \$35.8 billions, compared with \$100 billions for 1945.

Jan. 22nd.—Greek monarchist rebels kill hostages, refuse to disperse. Supreme Court at Ottawa hears argument re right to deport Japs; Canadian Council of Churches asks Canadian citizens of Jap descent be accorded equal rights with other citizens.

Jan. 23rd.—Felix Gouin, Socialist, elected interim president of France. Greek rebels free remaining hostages; martial law to continue.

Jan. 24th.—U.N.O. approves commission to control atomic energy. U.S. to use nearly 100 ships on atomic bomb experiments, starting in May. Usable remnants German fleet to be divided equally between Britain, U.S., U.S.S.R. French prosecutor at Nuernberg charges Nazis killed 29,000 hostages during occupation France. U.S. authorities seek thirty Nazi doctors, charged with killing some 600,000.

Ask Pensions of \$50 Per Month at Sixty

Both Dominion and Provincial Governments were appealed to in a resolution adopted by the Annual Convention of the U.F.A., to bring about amendment of Old Age Pensions legislation so as to provide for pensions of not less than \$50 per month to be made available to Canadians at the age of 60, free from any means test.

In its original form the resolution called for pensions on "an adequate scale", not naming the amount, and set the age at 65. Carl Clovin moved reduction of the age to 60 and Mr. Sims that the amount be \$50. The resolution set forth that the present pension "fails to provide our elderly citizens with pensions sufficient for a decent standard of living, and does not become available at a sufficiently early period in life and is also offensive in some of its provisions."

Test for Germination

Alberta farmers located in the Red Deer - Chancellor - Calgary triangle would be well advised to have their seed grain tested for germination, says E. Robertson in a recent bulletin of the Line Elevators Farm Service. This advice is based on maps prepared on the results of tests, for germination and disease, made by the service. Of 216 samples of wheat received from the whole Province of Alberta, over 9 per cent germinated 64 per cent or less; 18 per cent of the oat samples were in the same class, as were over 20 per cent of the barley samples. Of the wheat samples, 17.8 per cent required treatment for smut.

Urge Early Delivery

In view of the urgent need of the starving peoples of Europe, the Canadian Wheat Board is pressing farmers for early delivery of grain stocks.

"useless eaters" during war years. Canadian carrier *Warrior* commissioned.

Jan. 25th.—Demonstrations against British, Parsees, Persians, in Bombay. Russia, France, Netherlands, to take part in Jap war crime trials. U.S. scientists announce radar contact with moon; Australians state they achieved this during war. Axis sank or damaged one-third British capital ships in one period of seven weeks, says Churchill (as reported in *Life*). U.S. takes over packing plants in strike deadlock.

Jan. 26th.—

Bevin calls for international disputes to be brought "into the open"; wants U.N.O. to deal with Persian, Greek, Indonesian questions. Swedish scientist says he could produce atomic bomb "in few months." Bombay riots continue. Byrnes returning to U.S. says is well satisfied U.N.O. Foreign Minister U.K. progress.

Jan. 27th.—Municipal elections in U.S.-occupied Germany give leading position to right centre group. Chinese object to British airfield near Hong Kong. U.S. jet-propelled plane crosses North American continent in 4 hours, 13 minutes, non-stop.

Jan. 28th.—U.S.S.R. argues Iranian charges to U.N.O. Council raised by government no longer in power. British military observers to watch U.S. atomic bomb tests, states Attlee.

Jan. 29th.—Lie, Norwegian, nominated U.N.O. secretary; (was U.S.S.R. nominee for president, losing out to Spaak). German prisoners of war to be removed from Canada to Britain, beginning in February. Harry Hopkins, special assistant to late President Roosevelt, dies.

Jan. 30th.—U.N.O. considers Iran complaint of Russian interference; observers optimistic of settlement. Morgan re-instated by Lehman, U.N.R.A. head. German public had knowledge of concentration camp horrors, declares. Norwegian victim, giving evidence at Nuernberg.



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Re-elect J. B. Brown President C.C.I.L.—Will Sell for Cash and to Members Only

Delegates to the fifth annual meeting of Canadian Co-operative Implements Limited, held in Saskatoon recently, voted approval of the action of their directors in negotiating a contract with Cockshutt Plow Co. Ltd., for the supplying of implements. As announced in our last issue, these implements will be sold under the Co-op trade-name and will include tractors, tiller combines, harvester combines and swathers. Only the last two items, however, will be available for distribution this year.

C.C.I.L. also owns a plant in Winnipeg (purchased from the Gregg Manufacturing Company) and is a shareholder in the National Farm Machinery Inc., of Shelbyville, Indiana.

Have 50,000 Farmer Members

Assets now total \$1,382,792, it was reported to the meeting. Of this, some 50,000 member farmers in the three Prairie Provinces have paid \$32,000 in the purchase of share capital; and contributions were made by the three Prairie Governments, and by other co-operatives, to the extent of \$254,000.

Implements will be sold for cash, it was decided, and to members only. Arrangements will be made with other consumer co-operatives to assist in providing service.

Among the speakers were representatives of the three Provincial Governments: Hon. L. F. McIntosh, Minister of Co-operation for Saskatchewan; Hon. D. L. Campbell, Minister of Agriculture for Manitoba; and F. J. Fitzpatrick, Supervisor of Cooperative Activities for the Alberta Government.

Addresses were also given by Eugene O'Neill, for the U.F.A. Central Co-operative; D. Smeaton, for Alberta Co-operative Wholesale; Geo. Urwin, Saskatchewan Federated Co-operatives; W. J. McSorley, Manitoba Co-operative Wholesale; A. F. Reeken (representing R. S. Law, United Grain Growers); J. W. Baldwin, Manitoba Pool Elevators; and J. L. Buckley, Saskatchewan Co-operative Producers Ltd.

Directors Elected

Directors for the present year are W. J. Harper, Whiskey Gap, Alberta; Wm. Hawrelak, Edmonton; and A. Davie, Dawson Creek, B.C.; J. Cuddy, W. J. McSorley and John B. Brown, from Manitoba; and L. J. Bright, Geo. Urwin, G. B. Munro and H. L. Fowler, from Saskatchewan.

Present at the meeting were 105 delegates and about as many visitors. Of the delegates, 67 were from Saskatchewan, 19 from Manitoba and 19 from Alberta. Alberta delegates

Urge Specific Guaranteed Floor Prices for Veterans' Farm Products—Ten Years

Guaranteed floor prices for ten years as follows, for war veterans on produce grown on land purchased under the Veterans' Land Act was called for by the U.F.A. Convention: Wheat No. 1, \$1.25; Oats, 2 C.W. 50 cents; barley, 2 C.W. 64-3/4 cents. A. B. McGorman moved adoption of the resolution, and on motion of I. V. Macklin it was further recommended "that if these prices fall, the indebtedness of the veteran be reduced in similar proportion."

included M. Hailstone, Roy Marler, Wallace Archibald, E. T. Sanders, G. K. MacShane, C. Colvin, A. Paul, J. D. McLaurin, C. H. Thomas, T. Reitsma, D. Gamache, R. Wagner, P. Tymchuk, C. E. Parry, Farley Sherwood and A. Burke.

J. B. Brown was re-elected president, at a board meeting subsequent to the general meeting; L. J. Bright, Belyea, W. J. McSorley, Brandon, and Wm. Hawrelak are vice-presidents. Miss Dorothy White was re-appointed secretary.

Extension of Wheat Floor by Another Five Years Asked

With \$1.25 Floor—Livestock Board Urged by Delegates to U.F.A. Convention

Expressing "some satisfaction with the action of the Dominion Government in placing a floor price under wheat for a five-year period," but declaring that this term is too short to "provide for proper stability for agriculture," the U.F.A. Convention asked the Government to "take into immediate consideration the extension of the present term of five years by another five years." It was further resolved, on motion of J. K. Sutherland of Hanna and Russell Johnston of Helmsthal, "that such floor price be \$1.25, basis No. 1 Northern, Lake terminals."

Permanent closing of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange was asked for and it was urged that the Wheat Board take over the sale of rye.

Ask Livestock Board

The Convention also asked the Dominion Government "to establish a Livestock Board for the handling of livestock and meat products along the lines of the Canadian Wheat Board."

Under the efficient chairmanship of the President and his assistants, Andrew Wood of Riverton, J. M. Wheatley of Chancery and Ben Plumer of Bassano, proceedings were so expedited that all resolutions were dealt with by the delegates. Miss Eileen Birch, Secretary of the U.F.A., acted capably as Convention Secretary. Cordial greetings were brought to the delegates by Carl Stimpfle, President of the Alberta Farmers Union, which like the other organizations concerned has agreed to amalgamation with the A.F.A.

During the week the delegates heard important addresses by H. A. Crawford, President of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Life Insurance Company; Hon. J. G. Taggart, chairman of the Canadian Meat Board, who answered many questions from the floor; by Mr. Johnson of the Edmonton office of the P.F.A.A.; by Hon. George Hoadley of the Canadian Health Study Bureau and others.

On the first evening of the Convention Messrs. D. W. Clapperton (who acted as chairman), Alexander Calhoun and W. Norman Smith held a discussion on international trade in the post-war years, stressing the dependence of Western Canada upon export trade.

Ask Farm Bloc

The Convention adopted after dis-
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U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association Ltd.

Condensed Balance Sheet

as at 31st October, 1945

CALGARY - ALBERTA

ASSETS

| | |
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| Current | |
| Cash on hand and in Banks | \$ 70,520.55 |
| Accounts Receivable | \$52,673.42 |
| Less Reserve for Bad Debts | 3,500.00 |
| | 49,173.42 |
| Merchandise Inventories | 334,099.78 |
| Service Station Equipment in Store | 11,632.22 |
| Commissions Receivable—Estimated | 2,000.00 |
| Dominion of Canada War Loan—Par Value | 2,500.00 |
| | \$469,925.97 |
| Deferred Investments | |
| Shares in A.C.W.A. Deferred Dividends and Utility Deposits | 1,944.12 |
| Fixed Assets (at Cost) | |
| Buildings, Plant and Equipment | \$256,465.28 |
| Less Reserve for Depreciation | 90,074.15 |
| | \$166,391.13 |
| Real Estate | 17,712.11 |
| | 184,103.24 |
| Prepaid Expenses and Deferred Charges | 6,697.97 |
| | \$662,671.30 |

LIABILITIES

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|---|-------------------------|
| Current | |
| Outstanding Cheques | \$ 15,516.48 |
| Bank Loan | 10,000.00 |
| Trade Accounts Payable, Accrued Interest, etc. | 122,062.72 |
| | \$147,579.20 |
| Deferred | |
| Financing of Oil Plants and Equipment, Head Office Building, etc. | 56,383.50 |
| Members' Loans | 128,879.89 |
| United Farmers of Alberta Permanent Members—Loan | 30,694.21 |
| Dividends Payable—Deferred Reserves | 71,046.45 |
| Insurance Contingent | \$ 2,689.00 4,821.51 |
| | 7,510.51 220,577.54 |
| Surplus | \$662,671.30 |

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Commissions

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Petroleum Products, Accessories, Insurance, Coal, Posts and Twine | \$112,140.59 |
| Less Station Expenses (Depreciation \$8,446.31) | 16,719.78 |
| | \$ 95,420.81 |

Sales

| | |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Consigned Livestock Supplies | \$ 41,241.89 |
| Stores | 1,167,779.02 |
| Calgary Service Station | 40,048.77 |
| | \$1,249,069.68 |

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| Less Cost of Sales—Consigned Livestock Supplies | \$ 34,949.85 |
| Stores | 986,066.47 |
| Calgary Service Station | 31,903.80 |
| | 1,052,920.12 |

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| Gross Margin | \$ 196,149.56 |
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Expenses

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| Livestock Supplies (Depreciation \$132.37) | \$ 4,192.37 |
| Stores (Depreciation \$2,851.69) | 131,03.16 |
| Service Station (Depreciation \$699.60) | 7,249.27 |

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| 143,344.80 |
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| 52,804.76 |
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| Other Income—Cash Discounts and Rents | 8,918.51 |
| | \$157,144.08 |

Deduct

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|---|--------------|
| Head Office Administration and General Expenses (Depreciation \$2,793.64) | \$ 66,550.71 |
| Less Allocated to Livestock Supplies, Stores and Service Station | 24,981.38 |

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| 41,569.33 |
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| Net Gain on Operations for the Year | \$115,574.75 |
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| Total Sales for the Year | \$2,841,687.20 |
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Past and New Presidents

In our U.F.W.A. we noted our former President being replaced at her own insistence. Happily she is in the position of being able to look back with satisfaction at the work she has done. I think I have commented before that I think those words of Frost's painting the pen-picture of Silas, the hired man, about the saddest possible description of a life. Do you remember, he said, "And nothing to look forward to with hope and nothing to look backward with pride." Fortunately, our former President can look backward with pride to her work and our new one with hope of achieving even more in the future. So we say "Thank you" to our former and "Good wishes" to our new President.

We would gather there was much interesting discussion, and that there were many worthwhile speakers and papers. In fact, heads are apt to get in a whirl with the good things intellectually which are offered. And the thought of that "awful report" which must be given at the next meeting begins to loom up! But to cheer the delegates on their way, it hasn't been all serious and profound discussion. There have been pleasures planned as well.

This time the reluctance about the change of name seems to have vanished and "hand and heart" were freely offered. We hope the union will be consummated to the well-being of all.

Why Not Mainly Joint Convention?

But I have said before—and this is only a personal opinion—I feel we do not get as much out of Conventions as if the men and women held more sessions in common. If the women went there only to learn about different phases of house-keeping and the men to learn about the outside work, it would seem more natural if the discussions were held in separate Conventions.

But we do not. We go there as citizens of the Province to discuss the problems of education, of health, of reconstruction, of legislation, etc. These are subjects which should be

of mutual interest. Possibly more might be accomplished if each were made more interested in the work of the other.

The women's organization might lose something, but would it not gain and would it not give? It has always seemed to me that delegates would come home better informed citizens if they had the advantage of a largely joint convention with men and women's viewpoints intermingled. There would be more of a feeling of working together with each other's help.

Yours sincerely,
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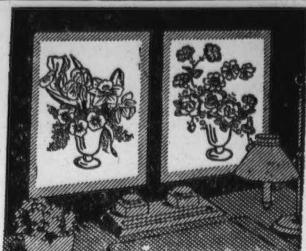
Cherry Sauce: Moisten 1 tbs. cornstarch with cold water, add 1 cup boiling water, boil 5 minutes; add 1 tsp. butter, 1 cup hot cherry juice, 1/2 tsp. almond extract. Good with cottage or any steamed pudding.

To Store Orange Peel: Dry for 48 hours in a warm room; keep in airtight jar; before using soak in cold water.

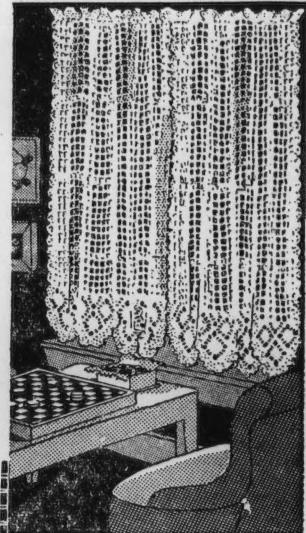
Boiled Raisin Cake: Cook 1/2 cup raisins in 1/2 cup water for 5 minutes. Add 1/2 cup brown sugar, 2 tbs. molasses, 1 tbs. fat; then add 1 beaten egg. Sift 3/4 cup flour with 1/2 tsp. each cloves, cinnamon and soda. Combine two mixtures and bake 45 minutes in moderately slow oven.

Spanish Cream: Soak 1-1/2 tbs. gelatine in 1/4 cup cold water. Make custard of 3 egg yolks, 1/4 tsp. salt, 2-3/4 cups milk; dissolve gelatine in hot custard; cool and add 1 tsp. vanilla. When mixture begins to thicken, add 3 eggs whites, stiffly beaten with 1/3 cup sugar. Turn into mould, and chill.

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U.F.W.A. Local News

Starline U.F.W.A. (Clarens) earned over \$45 by serving lunch at a farm sale.

Plans for a card party and a debate were completed at the last meeting of Camrose U.F.W.A.

A Pot-Luck Luncheon served by Arrowwood U.F.W.A. preceded the meeting, held jointly with the U.F.A., to hear Convention reports.

"Dressing Up Your Personality" was the title of an address by Miss Norma Hogg which was warmly appreciated by Nanton U.F.W.A., recently.

Three Hills U.F.W.A. were associated with the local branch of the I.O.D.E. in holding a very successful party to welcome home war veterans from the district.

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WHAT ARE PROSPECTS FOR YOUNG FARM PEOPLE?

Junior President Addresses Senior Convention

"What are the prospects for agriculture as a whole and for young farm people in particular? Should they remain on the farm and make farming their life's work or go to the cities and seek some other employment?"

These, said Keith Rosenberger, President of the Junior U.F.A., in his address to the Annual Convention, are the questions many of our farm young people, especially returning veterans, must be pondering these days. The pro's and con's of farming as a career for young people were then weighed by Mr. Rosenberger in a manner that won applause from the large audience consisting mainly of senior members.

Nearer Parity—But Uncertain

Prices of agricultural products, he said, are probably nearer parity in relation to the articles the farmers must purchase than has been the case for many years. Most farm products have prices guaranteed to 1950, but what then? And will prices of the products the farmer must buy stay at present levels? Vagaries of the weather, disease, and accident in livestock raising caused uncertainties in the minds of young people which made them pause before deciding to take up agriculture. A long term policy was therefore needed.

If a fair price were desired for what the farmer produced, "we should never allow our cereal grains to be sold on a grain exchange," said the speaker, as even normal production had in the past tended to depress prices.

Another Great Handicap

"Another great handicap young farmers have to face," said Mr. Rosenberger, "is the length of time it takes them to pay for their land and machinery—often twenty-five or thirty years which constitute the active life of the average farmer. We need some plan of tenure other than outright ownership which would give security to the operator. The farmers of Western Canada are being advised by agricultural experts to go in for mixed farming rather than straight grain farming where moisture and soil conditions are

at all favorable. The reason is to try to get some fertility back in the soil and to control weeds to a greater extent. This is a very worthwhile objective but looking after cattle, particularly dairy cattle, entails much more labor than straight grain farming. And while it has been said hard work never hurt anyone there are not many people anxious to prove the theory. However, if prices of livestock and dairy products are sufficiently high so enough labor can be employed to cut down the drudgery, this policy of mixed farming will meet with more approval, especially from our young people."

Mr. Rosenberger pointed out that the use of electric power could very greatly improve the lot of the farmer raising livestock, and said that young people would be less inclined to leave for the city if they had light and power on the farm.

Not Trying to Discourage Anyone

In pointing out some of the difficulties for young people wishing to engage in agriculture, the Junior President went on, "I am not trying to discourage anyone, because with all its faults, I believe farming to be one of the most wholesome and self satisfying occupations there is. However, we are always interested in improving our lot, no matter what our job in life and in making our life's work not something we do because we have to eat, but because we like it.

"One of the most important ways in which we can improve our lot is by supporting our various co-operative organizations throughout the province. They are working at all times in our interest, not for stockholders far off city. Young people should patronize and encourage their parents to patronize co-operative organizations wherever possible. Of course, this includes our own U.F.A. Co-op. which is steadily growing and expanding its services."

Mr. Rosenberger spoke in favor of amalgamation of farmers' organizations in Alberta. He reported briefly on Junior activities for the year, pointing out that the Junior Conference held in 1945 during University Week had a record attendance of over 200 delegates. He thanked U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals which had been responsible for delegates sent to the conference. Junior membership had increased during the year, and with return of service people further increase was hoped for.

Junior News Items

A dance to augment their Local's funds was recently arranged by the young people of Lake Eliza Junior U.F.A.

Roll call was answered by naming "My Favorite Book" at a recent meeting of Ministik Junior U.F.A. (Tofield).

Lawrence Proudfoot assisted in organization of Turville Junior U.F.A., in the Chigwell district. Robert Seville was elected president and Alice Veevers secretary.

Sees Era of Larger Farms

COLUMBUS, Ohio.—An era of larger farms and "more profitable units" was prophesied by C. R. Arnold, of the F.C.A., in a recent agricultural conference here. He also urged a census of farmers under classifications of large-scale, multiple-unit, mid-scale and small-scale, as an aid in drafting farm legislation.



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U.F.W.A. Convention in Review

By Mrs. W. C. TAYLOR,
U.F.W.A. Director for Battle River

(Concluded from Last Issue)

with us each morning Rev. Allen R. Husband, who left the delegates something to ponder over and serve as an inspiration during the convention and on their return home.

Election of Directors

The following were appointed as directors: Acadia—Mrs. Russell Johnston, Helmsdale; Athabasca—Mrs. Bella Lyons, Westlock; Battle River—Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Edgerton; Bow River and East Calgary—Mrs. W. L. Barker, Calgary; Camrose—Mrs. N. D. Lehman, Camrose; Jasper-Edson—and West Edmonton—Mrs. Minot Stetson, North Edmonton; Lethbridge—Mrs. A. M. Peters, Lethbridge; Macleod and East Calgary—Mrs. H. Douglass, Vulcan; Medicine Hat—Mrs. P. Powell, Bassano; Peace River South—Mrs. V. C. Flint, Beaverlodge; Peace River North—Mrs. N. Cowan, Berwyn; Red Deer—Mrs. George Inglis, Penhold; Vegreville—Mrs. A. Torrie, Tofield; Wetaskiwin—Mrs. W. Schroeter, Bremner.

Juvenile delinquency came in for a discussion and the Provincial Government was petitioned to commence some system of Borstal Training as practiced in Great Britain.

A particularly enjoyable part of the Convention was a social evening held the night before the Convention. This was first introduced in 1945 and has become so popular with the delegates that it has become a regular annual event.

We were very fortunate in having

The Federal Government was asked
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U.F.A. CONVENTION (from page 9)

cussion a resolution moved by George N. Johnston and Charles A. Fawcett, stating that "in order to protect the interests of agriculture and the general stability of the Canadian economy, the Federation of Agriculture should proceed to organize in the House of Commons a Farm Bloc similar to that in effect in the United States."

Both employers of labor and labor unions were urged "to use all possible means to settle their differences either by negotiation or arbitration" before lockouts or strikes are resorted to, in a resolution adopted by the U.F.A. Annual Convention, "as large groups of innocent people suffer financial loss, inconvenience and in many cases severe hardships."

Opposition to the taxation of the surpluses of Co-operatives, whether these are allocated or not, was expressed by the delegates, on the ground that these are "not profits but the savings of the member according to patronage." The Royal Commission

Please Exchange Coat

Will the gentleman who took a light coat of herringbone pattern from the Palliser Hotel during U.F.A. Convention week, in mistake for his own, please call at the Palliser to exchange this, or forward the coat to the owner, J. M. Wheatley of Chancellor, who will see that the other's coat is returned to him.

Marketing Prospects in Dairy Field

One of our reports from the Convention of the Dairy Farmers of Canada at Niagara Falls, containing an outline of marketing prospects in the dairy field, by W. C. Cameron, chief of the Dairy Products Grading and Inspection Services of the Dominion Government, is unavoidably held over for our next issue.

on this subject recommended taxation of unallocated surpluses.

(To be concluded)

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Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Jan. 29th.—Cattle market steady with strong undertone. Hogs sold last \$17.10. Grade A, yards and plants, sows \$12.50 to \$12.65, liveweight. Good lambs, \$12.50, good ewes \$6 to \$7. Good to choice butcher steers \$11.50 to \$12.35, down to \$11.25 for common; good to choice butcher heifers \$10.25 to \$11.25, down to \$8 for common to medium. Good cows \$8.50 to \$9, down to \$6.50; good bulls \$8.25 to \$9. Good to choice veal calves \$10 to \$11, down to \$8.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Jan. 29th.—There was good action on the cattle market throughout the past week, with prices generally steady; high for the week was \$12 for two loads of choice steers. Bull good to choice steers sold from \$11.50 to \$11.75; good to choice heifers \$10.25 to \$10.75; cows held steady, choice light selling \$8.50 to \$9, heavy cows \$8 to \$8.50. Bulls were firmer from \$6.50 to \$8.50. Stockers and feeders of suitable quality in fair demand; good steers \$8.50 to \$9.50; heifers \$7.50 down, cows \$6.50 down. Good to choice veal calves \$11.50 to \$12.50. Hogs steady, Grade A locals \$16.50, for shipment \$17; sows \$12.25. Good handweight lambs \$12 to \$12.50, yearlings \$5 to \$7.

Dairy Market

Outside markets continue at the ceiling—36 cents in Montreal and Toronto, 35-1/2 cents in Vancouver. Local prints are 36 cents, butterfat 33 cents plus ten cents subsidy.

Seed Catalogues

Gardeners who find their favorite reading in seed catalogues, and who pore over them, evening after evening, in the storms and cold of winter, have long been the target for jibes and jokes of those who are not gardeners. To the initiated, however, this is very understandable behavior. Every gardener knows the fascination of the attractive illustrations of flowers, vegetables and shrubs, and the absorbing interest of weighing the advantages of old favorites against those of new varieties. Catalogues so far received this year are particularly interesting. Dominion Seed House lists a number of very attractive new varieties: "Bounty", a new extra early tomato; a new chard, "Burpee's Rhubarb"; the new runnerless strawberry, "Baron Solemacher"; wilt-resistant strain of "Improved Giant Crego" Aster, to name only a few. Among the many attractive features of Steele Briggs Seed Company's 1946 Catalogue are Okra, "Dwarf Long Pod Green"; the California Sunshine semi-single Aster; African and French varieties of Marigold; "Early Golden Sweet" corn (70 days).

Watch for Warble Swellings

This is the time of year to watch carefully for warble swellings on the backs of cattle. Treatment should be commenced as soon as the first punctures in these swellings appear, with the object of killing the warble flies before they begin to drop and start again their cycle of costly damage. The damage caused by warble flies, in loss of revenue from beef, milk and hides, runs into millions of dollars annually.

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as a gift, but as compensation, the value of all British holdings of Canadian and U.S. securities taken over during the period of cash on the barrel-head. That could have been done without any difficulty in explaining the reasons for its being done, and without offending British pride. . . It is extremely urgent that in the case of Canada the post-war credit to the U.K. should start with this return of British investments in Canada which should never have been taken away."

The Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool

The production of wheat in Canada in 1945 is now estimated at 305,912,000 bushels by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and a valuation placed thereon of \$324,227,000. This is a reduction of about 110 million bushels from the 1944 crop and \$116.2 million in value.

Up to the end of 1945, farm deliveries of wheat totalled 171 million bushels. Adding thereto 50 millions for feed and seed requirements and 1.5 million for custom millings, gives a total of 222.5 million bushels and leaves on the farms, available for delivery from January 1st to July 31st, some 86.5 million bushels of wheat. Visible supplies of Canadian wheat on January 18th totalled 177 million bushels. This leaves a possible 263.5 million bushels available for export and carryover for the balance of the crop year.

World Shortage

There is a distinct shortage of wheat in the world. So much so that the President of the United States says shipments during the first six months of 1946 will probably be five million tons short of requirements in deficit areas. He has called upon Canada, Australia and Argentina to share with the United States the responsibility of meeting urgent wheat requirements in liberated nations.

While the United States, from a statistical standpoint, is in the best position of any nation with regard to wheat, farmers are reluctant to deliver their holdings and there have been reports of "black marketing" in wheat. Millers in that country are operating on a hand-to-mouth basis.

The Canadian Wheat Board has issued an urgent call to farmers in the Prairie Provinces to deliver their surplus supplies of wheat immediately because of the dire need of hungry Europeans.

Hon. J. A. MacKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce, is back in Ottawa after a visit to the United Kingdom when most of his time was taken up with the question of wheat. He said the Governments of Great Britain and Canada are working on a wheat agreement which should last for four years and assure Canadian producers a fixed price for their wheat. The Minister said that regardless of any production developments that might be made in Russia, South America, Australia or any other world wheat source, the Canadian wheat grower can regard his outlook as unclouded for at least a period of two years ahead. The arrangements for wheat sales, the Minister said, would be based on a flat contract price. At the present time Canadian wheat is being sold to Britain and other countries at \$1.55 a bushel, basis 1 Northern at Fort William. This is around fifty cents a bushel below the Chicago price of wheat.



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Same Exemption as That of Members of Parliament Is Called For

Granting to every Canadian of exemption from liability to pay income tax on the amount which members of the Canadian Parliament have set for themselves was called for in the following resolution adopted by the A.F.A. Convention:

"Whereas, under the guise of an allowance for expenses, members of the Canadian House of Commons have recently, in effect, increased their sessional indemnities from \$4,000.00 to \$6,000.00, granting themselves exemption from taxation in respect to \$2,000.00 of this amount, and "Whereas, it would be an abuse of the power to legislate conferred upon them by the electors, for our elected representatives to grant themselves any exemptions from taxation which is not also granted to other citizens of Canada;

"Therefore be it resolved, that this Convention call upon the Dominion Government to provide in the next Budget, for the exemption from taxation of the first \$2,000.00 of the income of every Canadian citizen."

A new consumer co-operative wholesale, the Cascade Co-operative Wholesale, has been organized at Seattle, Wash., and will serve both farm and city consumers.

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revise its hog policy by an upward adjustment of the price of bacon hogs; a broad program of experimental and research work in breeding and disease control, to assist producers in reducing production costs; an attempt to secure export markets in addition to the British market, and more rigid control over packing companies. Another resolution requested the establishment of floor prices for livestock covering a period of not less than five years.

In addition, delegates requested that regulations be relaxed to allow surplus cattle to be sold to the United States to relieve the glut on the domestic market, and thereby prevent price declines.

Contending that the price spread between the producer and consumer of meat is too great, the C.F.A. will ask for investigation into price spreads between the producer and consumer.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture will continue to press the Dominion Government to establish a Board of Livestock Commissioners with powers and duties similar to those of the Board of Grain Commissioners, and that the members of the board shall be appointed in consultation with organized agriculture.

Ask Board Market All Crops

The delegates gave unanimous support to the resolution requesting the Government to establish the Canadian Wheat Board as the sole institution for the marketing of all Canadian cereal crops, and that in view of the government announcement, that the floor price of not less than \$1 per bushel for wheat will be in force for the next five years, the Wheat Board

Better Salaries Taking Scientists from Canada; Convention Asks Action

On recommendation of the U.F.A. Executive, delegates to the U.F.A. Annual Convention unanimously called for governmental action to "retain the services of as many of Canada's outstanding scientific personnel as possible."

It was pointed out that many outstanding scientists trained in Canada have gone to other countries, particularly the United States, the inducement being larger incomes in most cases. "This exodus of such trained scientists is a serious loss to Canada," stated the resolution.

All refreshments were supplied by the Co-op. at a recent tea party given by Mrs. Attlee at No. 10 Downing Street—the British Prime Minister's official residence.

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to see that full citizenship rights were restored to Canadian-born Japanese. Other resolutions passed were one asking the Federal Government to institute Contributory Pensions, another asking them to provide accommodation for Old-Age Pensioners in unused government buildings; one requesting that part of the \$50,000,000 set aside for research be used to enquire into the possibility of improving farm homes; one that both governments be asked to provide pensions for cripples and finally that the government investigate and destroy cartels.

Leonard Bercuson, secretary Alberta Adult Education, gave a most interesting talk on the schools of Arthurdale and was listened to most attentively by the farm women who are vitally interested in seeing composite schools introduced into Alberta.

Young People's Work

Thursday afternoon was given over to Young People's Work. Keith Rosenberger, Junior President, presided, assisted by Lawrence Proudfoot and John Storch. Capt. George Thring, past president of the Junior U.F.A., spoke to the delegates and gave a report on the World Youth Federation Conference at which he was delegate for the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. Anyone present at this session, after hearing these young people and seeing them in action could not help but feel confident of a bright future for our senior organization. Miss Margaret Fraser, in charge of Girls' Club Work for the Extension Department of the Department of Agriculture, spoke on her work and asked for more co-operation from the adults of the community for the Junior Clubs.

As space at the hotel was so limited the Handicraft exhibit was not held, but many thrift articles donated by Locals were sold during the convention; proceeds going to the "Jam for

Act should be amended to make the initial payment which may be made by the Wheat Board \$1 per bushel instead of the 90 cent price in the Act at present.

The C.F.A. will ask the Federal Government that the initial price for the 1946 wheat crop be not less than \$1.25 per bushel, basis No. 1 Northern, in store Fort William, Port Arthur, or Vancouver, and that the Government give progressive leadership in working out an international wheat agreement. Other resolutions dealt with a variety of subjects including the removal of the Dominion gasoline tax; the continuation of the quota system of grain deliveries; malting barley and the tax on malt; drawback on wheat to millers; crop insurance; farm labor; soil conservation; old age pensions; as well as pensions for the blind.

On the subject of sales of surplus war assets, a resolution requested that the policy regarding the sales of trucks, etc. be extended to general auction sales of materials that might be of service to farmers.

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A handsomely-bound Bible was presented by Craigmyle U.F.W.A. to Mrs. Vernon, on her departure from the district to live in Chilliwack.

Mrs. J. Hickey, who was leaving the district to live at Nelson, B.C., was presented with a purse of money, at a party held in her honor, by Westlock U.F.W.A.

Among the tasks accomplished by Wild Rose U.F.W.A. (Cessford) last year, was the making of 50 articles for the Red Cross, making of articles for a bazaar (which netted \$37.25) and the collecting of a large amount of clothing for overseas relief.

A talk by Miss B. Anderson, district Home Economist, on her experiences while serving with the Forces, was thoroughly enjoyed by Eclipse U.F.W.A. (Clive) reports Mrs. F. S. Holton.

The penicillin factory being built at Speke, North England, at a cost of a million pounds, is nearing completion. It is the largest in the world for the production of the drug, and will employ about three hundred.

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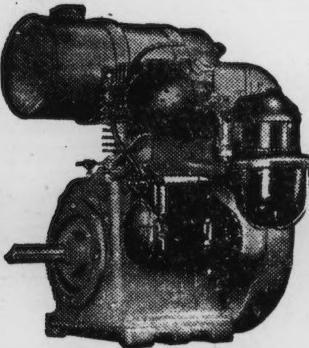
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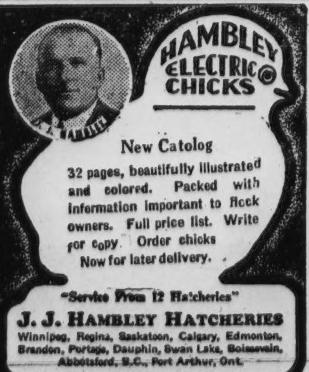
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Under provisions of the Farm Improvement Loans Act, in eight months operations, a total of \$2,911,223 has been lent to farmers by chartered banks. Heaviest loans were made in the Prairie Provinces; Alberta, with 1,335 loans totalling \$1,057,879, was far in the lead. D. M. McRae, supervisor, reports.

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MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

For this issue this column is being entirely guest-conducted by Volodimir Barabash, a student in this columnist's journalistic class at the Calgary Business College.

Mr. Barabash is also the editor of a little magazine called *U.C.Y. Lore*, a private enterprise conducted by the Ukrainian Catholic Youth, 211 Sixth Street N.E., Calgary.

Except for these three paragraphs, the entire contents of this column are the work of Mr. Barabash. So give the little fellow a big hand, folks!

Changing Mt. Castle into Mt. Eisenhower was not only smart diplomacy but good business policy as well. No doubt a great number of Americans will want to see what "Ike's" double looks like.

Owing to printers' strike in Winnipeg, the *Winnipeg Free Press* and the *Winnipeg Tribune* are now published jointly as a single edition, with their editorial running side by side. "One touch of Nature makes the whole world kin," said Shakespeare, and running true to family form the editors take a healthy pen-scribed poke at each other.

Mankind is now living in the Dinosaur period of its mind. Everything is stupendous, tremendous and super-colossal—a la Hollywood style.

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—V.B.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH?

What this world needs is less atomic and more platonic energy.

Success follows our good efforts, but failure seems to come even without any effort.

Amateur Singer: "Look dear, I bought this hat for a mere song."

Long Suffering Husband: "Too bad you can't exchange all your songs for hats."

When you read a verse and it makes you feel drunk you may be sure it is good poetry.

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Says Wally, our incurable bachel, never tell a girl you love her, or she may take you at your word and for all that you are worth, and then you will be obliged to take everything from her the rest of your life.

A SORRY SIGHT

(With apologies to whoever wrote, "Life is mostly froth and bubbles"). Farm is mostly weeds and stubble. Fields all covered with the stones. Farm yard like a pile of rubble. Stock and poultry skin and bones.

TODAY'S GREAT OOZE

They say man made the city and God made the country, but judging by man's destruction of the cities, he seems to be dissatisfied with his own work.

The hardest thing we all must learn to do, symbolically speaking, is "how to tip the glass and yet not spill the wine." Read Omar Khayyam, he knew.

Through an error a farmer fed grasshopper mash to his hens and found them later, to his great amazement, all lying down on the job.

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Nan of Nanton: "What, the boys?"

Lil' Goldilocks: "No, the eggs."

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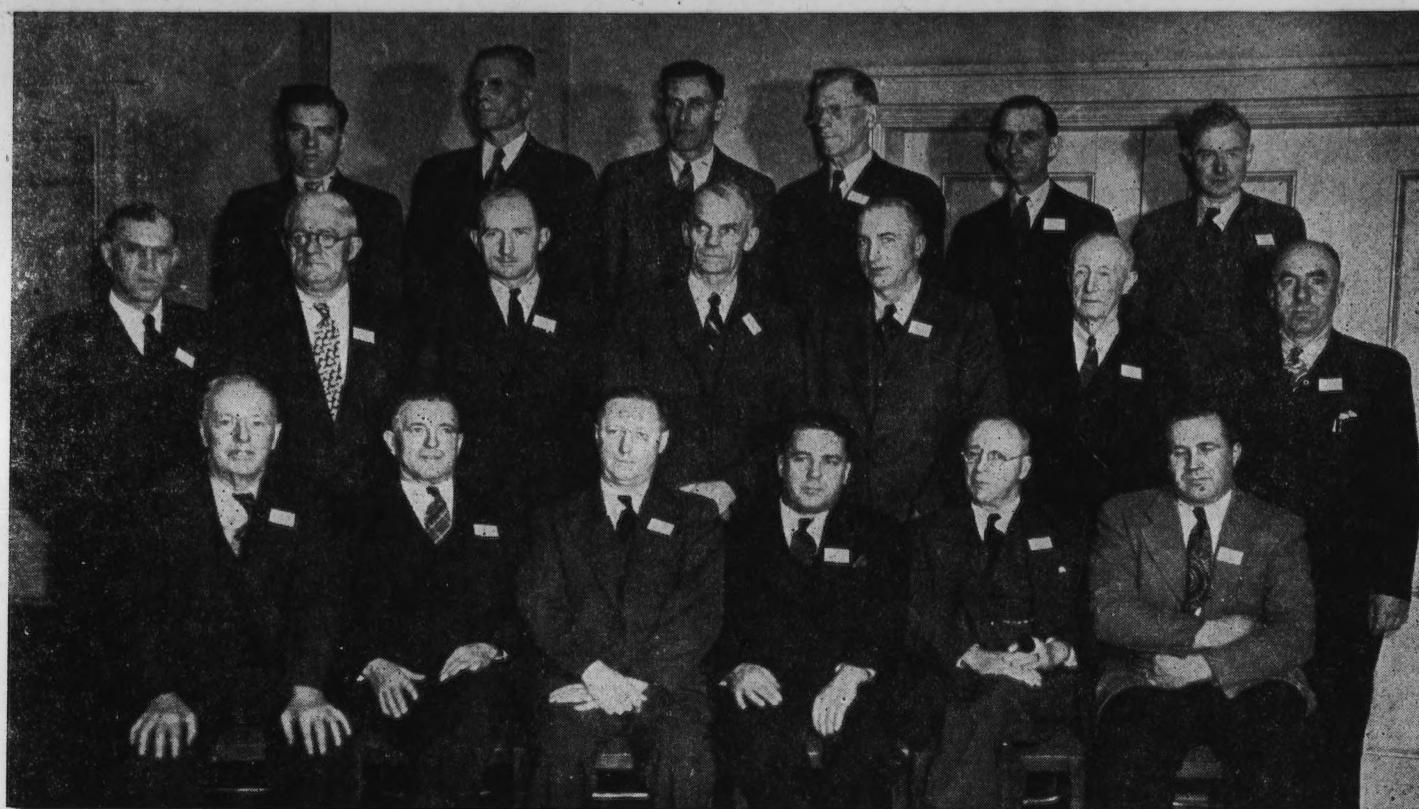
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Group of C.F.A. Directors and Delegates Face Camera Between Sessions



During the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, held in the Hotel London, at London, Ontario, major issues of policy were dealt with by the Delegates. The Convention, which attracted national and even international attention, recommended that the Canadian Wheat Board be established as the sole institution for the marketing of all cereal crops. It called for floor prices for a period of not less than five years not only for wheat but for livestock also. It asked the Dominion Government to give progressive leadership in working out an international wheat

agreement and passed other important resolutions.

Between sessions this group photograph of some of the Directors and Delegates from every Province in Canada was taken. As our readers will notice, Alberta is well represented in the group. *Left to right*, those in the picture are:

Back Row: Alex. Sim, MacDonald College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, P.Q., Secretary, Quebec Farm Radio Forum; T. G. Bobier, Regina; J. E. Walsh, Moncton, N.B.; Geo. G. Coote, Nanton, Alta.; Alex McKinney,

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Front Row: J. J. Trainor, Bedford, P.E.I.; Percy French, Vernon, B.C.; W. J. Parker, Winnipeg, Man.; H. H. Hannam, President, Canadian Federation; J. H. Wesson, Regina; Kenneth Betzner, Waterloo, Ont.

Alberta Dairy Men "Lobby" One Another at Niagara Falls



These Alberta leaders seem to be enjoying one another's company as the cameraman catches them in genial mood during an interlude at the Annual Meeting of the Dairy Farmers of Canada at Niagara Falls. Resolutions adopted by the Dairy Farmers' Convention were subsequently endorsed by the Annual Convention of the Canadian

Federation of Agriculture in London, Ontario. *Left to right* in the picture are seen E. A. Johnstone, Red Deer, General Manager Central Alberta Dairy Pool; R. H. M. Bailey, Edmonton, re-elected President of the Dairy Farmers; Reid Clarke, Didsbury, Alberta Dairymen's Association; C. E. Perry,

Lethbridge, President Alberta Milk and Cream Producers; F. R. McCalla, Edmonton, Secretary Alberta Milk and Cream Producers; F. W. Maddock, Entwistle, President, Northern Alberta Dairy Pool; Russell Stanley, Edmonton, Gen. Manager, Northern Alberta Dairy Pool.